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EC ENLARGEMENT AND POLITICAL COOPERATION

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1. FOREIGN OFFICE EC PRESIDENCY OFFICER STABREIT TOLD
US THE QUESTION OF FUTURE POLITICAL COOPERATION BETWEEN
THE NINE AND TURKEY HAD BEEN THE MAIN ITEM OF DISCUSSION
AT THE 59TH MEETING OF THE EC POLITICAL COMMITTEE. PRIOR
TO THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS' MEETING, THE CORRESPONDENTS
HAD MET ON SEPTEMBER 4 AND, AFTER A "LONG AND DIFFICULT"
SESSION, HAMMERED OUT A BRACKETED REPORT FOR THE
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POLITICAL DIRECTORS. AFTER PROTRACTED
DISCUSSION, THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS HAD REACHED
AGREEMENT ON A REPORT FOR CONSIDERATION BY MINISTERS
AT THEIR SEPTEMBER 14 MEETING.

2. STABREIT SAID THE REPORT ESSENTIALLY WAS AN OFFER
TO THE TURKS TO REGULARIZE AND INTENSIFY CONSULTATIONS

ON RELEVANT MATTERS UNDER DISCUSSION WITHIN THE COMMUNITY FRAMEWORK. WHILE DECLINING TO OUTLINE THE SPECIFICS OF THE REPORT, STABREIT SAID IT OFFERED A RELATIVELY FORMALIZED METHOD OF CONSULTATION WHICH WAS MORE INSTITUTIONALIZED THAN THE GMYNICH FORMULA. HE SAID THE NINE BELIEVED THAT TURKEY, BY VIRTUE OF ITS ASSOCIATION TREATY WHICH ENVISAGED EVENTUAL COMMUNITY MEMBERSHIP, MERITED A "SPECIAL DEAL."

3. STABREIT SAID THE TURKS CONTINUE TO BE IMPRECISE IN THEIR THINKING REGARDING POLITICAL COOPERATION WITH THE NINE. HE NOTED THAT THERE HAD BEEN SOME INDICATIONS THAT ANKARA WAS NOT PLEASED WITH THE GENERAL LINE OF COMMUNITY THINKING ON THE DIALOGUE. AT THE SAME TIME, HE EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT THE TURKS WOULD EVENTUALLY ACCEPT THE NINE'S PROPOSALS.
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